

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF MONTICELLO  
MARCH 06, 2006**

The regular meeting of the City of Monticello, Indiana Common Council was held on March 06, 2006 in the Council Chambers of the City Building at 6:00PM. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert Fox and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call by Clerk Treasurer Rennatta Berkshire was answered by Mayor Robert Fox, City Attorney George Loy, Councilpersons William Smith, Grace Oilar, Bud Mummert, Jim Mann, Jay Clawson.

There being no additions, deletions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of February 21, 2006, a motion was made by Councilperson Oilar seconded by Councilperson Mann to accept the minutes as presented. Roll call vote: all aye.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Ms. Tina Kruger, owner of Perfect Blend, said the community has been very receptive towards her business and has had several customers ask about outside seating. She would like to place two small tables with two chairs each on the “elephant ear” projecting out from the sidewalk. She said this will not interfere with walkers on the sidewalk and will not be close enough to the street traffic. Ms. Kruger said she will take the table and chairs inside at the close of business hours. A motion was made by Councilperson Mummert seconded by Councilperson Clawson to allow Tina Kruger of the Perfect Blend coffee shop to place two tables with a total of four chairs on the sidewalk projection. Roll call vote: all aye. Attorney Loy then advised the Council to consider revising the ordinance regulating the placement of objects on the sidewalks.

**City Auction**

A motion was made by Councilperson Oilar seconded by Councilperson Smith to set May 13, 2006 at 10:00am for the city auction to be held at the Street Department. Roll call vote: all aye.

**Review of Funding Options**

On February 13<sup>th</sup> a working group meeting was held between Mayor Fox, Clerk Treasurer Berkshire, Superintendent Mowrer, Councilperson Mann, Todd Samuelson of H.J. Umbaugh, Todd Frauhiger and Vasco Kirby of CTE to discuss funding options for city projects. The projects discussed were: North Main Street, Fisher and Rickey Road intersections and sewer line extensions for the annexations nearing the three year time line. Mr. Steve Carter of H.J. Umbaugh presented the conclusions of that meeting to the Council. The City already has in place a possible bond issue of \$435,000 which would be utilized to pay for any construction, administration, or contingencies at the Fisher Street and Rickey Road intersections and to reimburse City funds for prepaid project costs. With the financial study of the Water Utility and Sewage Works it was found that each utility has the capacity to issue Bonds in the amount of approximately \$750,000 without impacting utility rates. These proceeds would be sufficient to cover the local match required in the North Main Street project. The engineers’ estimate of the portion of the project that impacts the two utilities was used to estimate the cost to each utility. Since

each utility has bonds outstanding from 1995 an analysis could be done to see if it would be cost effective and provide a savings to the utilities to refinance them. The North Main Street project is scheduled to be let by INDOT in April and funds would be needed from the City in late May or early June. Even though the new bond issue does add additional financial commitment from the City the bond schedule proposed by Umbaugh would not extend the length of the present obligation on paying off present bond issues. The Sewage Works is due to be paid off in 2018 and Water Utility in 2021. The CSO implementation for the Sewage Works is scheduled for 2009 and most probably will need a bond issue to complete the tasks when that time arrives. The additional debt per year to the Water Utility would be approximately \$50,000 and to the Sewage Works \$100,000. Mr. Carter said that in looking at funding sources utility rate increases, general obligation or tax supported debt were taken out of the equation leaving the funding from the utilities as the best possible solution. A motion was made by Councilperson Mann seconded by Councilperson Clawson authorizing H.J. Umbaugh, Ice Miller and Attorney Loy to proceed with drafting bond documents and to analyze the effectiveness of refinancing the 1995 bond issues. Roll call vote: all aye.

**Amendment to Personnel Policy Regarding Injury Leave**

Clerk Treasurer Berkshire said that one policeman and one firefighter were injured while on duty last year and that the current personnel policy does not address paid injury leave. A prior injury leave policy provided 90 calendar days for leave due to being injured while on the job for any city employee. Attorney Loy will clarify the policy concerning any money received from insurance and inclusion of the injury leave policy can be included in the current personnel policy at the next council meeting.

**Donaldson Company Compliance with Statement of Benefits**

It was noted that Donaldson Company's actual number of additional employees is up to 39 from the 27 reported on last year's statement and that the abatement period ends next year. A motion was made by Councilperson Clawson seconded by Councilperson Smith to approve the Compliance with Statement of Benefits as submitted by Donaldson Company. Roll call vote: all aye.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:30PM.

Rennatta Berkshire, IAMC, CMC, MM1  
Clerk Treasurer